

## Tri-City Interfaith Council

Agenda for October 3, 2019, noon to 2:00 pm

Meeting at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2791 Driscoll Rd, Fremont

Vision Statement: We are people from various spiritual backgrounds and experiences who envision an inclusive society in which people of all faiths and traditions respect and appreciate one another.

Mission Statement: To promote respect, understanding, cooperation, and appreciation for the many spiritual paths and faith traditions within our community which inspire and teach us to love and support one another more fully.

### 12:00 **Gathering**

Call to order: Jeff Spencer

Opening words: Jeff Dodge

12:05 **Check in:** please share your name, your faith community, and one thing that's going on in your life or faith community that you want to rest of the group to know about

### 12:35 **One piece of Business**

Update on [Bay Area United Against Hate Week](#) – This year's official dates: November 17-23, 2019 (10 minutes)

#### **Our Activities:**

> [Homeless Memorial Service](#) – November 19, 7:00 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church (St. James Church coordinating) (registered)

*Lori would like to talk about how we can bring more voices from more faiths to this service.*

> [Transgender Remembrance Day](#) – November 20, 7:00 p.m., at Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Jo coordinating) (registered)

> [Tea and Conversation](#) – (sharing stories that unite us) November 23, 10:00 a.m. to noon, St. Ann's Episcopal Church (Jeff D., Moina, and Joy coordinating) **(has this been registered?)**

> *Is there any objection to adding to our list:* East Bay People's Choir Concert – November 23, 4:00 p.m., Irvington Presbyterian Church, 4181 Irvington Ave, Fremont (Joy B coordinating) **(if accepted, Joy will need to register this event)**

> [Interfaith Thanksgiving Service](#) – November 25, 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church (Dick & Shamsa coordinating) (registered)

12:45 **Program:** Tea and Conversation (an experiment/trial run for BAUAH Week)

Directions

Experience

Responses

### 1:30 **Business**

Approval of minutes from September 5, 2019 (1 minute)

Appointing our Nominating Committee (5 minutes)

From our bylaws: “The Interfaith Council will appoint a nominating committee each October, charged with creating a slate of Leadership Team nominees to present at the Annual Meeting.” The bylaws are silent about the size of this committee.

Evaluation and feedback about International Day of Prayer for Peace event on September 21 (5 minutes)

Thanksgiving Service, Monday November 25, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church (9 minutes)

- > Offering decision – for the Justice work of TCIC
- > Flyer – Shamsa will email it out; please post it; please announce it
- > Interfaith Choir – Rehearsal have begun; see flyer/emails
- > Volunteers needed: (Dick to announce; send reply email to Dick)
- > Next organizing/planning meeting: October 16, 1:30-3:00, at \_\_\_\_\_

[Housing Navigation Center](#) update – Jeff S. (1 minute)

The City Council voted to build the HNC in the parking lot behind City Hall. There is talk about how to remain involved in protecting this decision, promoting more compassion, and ensuring the success of the program. More announcements to follow.

Interfaith Harmony Day, February 1, 2020 – Cindy needs to step back from championing this event. Is there someone else who will take leadership? (4 minutes of silence to make you squirm, until you volunteer). [Niles Discovery Church’s building has been reserved for this event.]

#### 1:54 **Announcements**

If you have program ideas, please text them to Glenn (510-378-3385) or email them to Jeff ([jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org](mailto:jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org)). We’ll put them in a list we’re sharing.

Upcoming meetings:

- November 7 – at  
Program: Spiritual Autobiography by \_\_\_\_\_
- December 5 – at  
Program: Annual Meeting

*Theme* for “We Are One” Rally on October 24: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Saturday Documentaries:

> October 12 – “[True Justice](#)” about attorney Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, has advocated on behalf of the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned, seeking to eradicate racial discrimination in the criminal justice system.

> November 9 – “[Won’t You Be My Neighbor](#)” about Mister Rogers

> December – taking the month off

Please share the emailed announcements and flyers

Get your announcements on the agenda by sending it to Jeff by the last Thursday of the month. This will speed up announcements *and* give everyone the basic details in writing. You can always follow up with an email.

#### 1:58 **Closing words:** Jeff D

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Business Items on Hold:

Creating a brochure listing the religious/spiritual/faith communities in the Tri-Cities, with a high lighting of the TCIC affiliates. (10 minutes)

- > How would we pay for printing?
- > How would we get this into the hands of new Tri-Cities residents?
- > Is this something we want to do?
- > Is there someone who would like to take the lead in making this happen?

Issues related to gun violence

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